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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Michael R. JOHNSON

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FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated March 12, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the Title of the Invention and Inventor name and is believed, in combination with the application serial number and filing date contained in this cover letter, to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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